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: NOTICE CONCERNING IMPROPER
: DISMISSAL OF THE REQUEST
: FOR RECALCULATION OF
: PATENT TERM ADJUSTMENT
: IN VIEW OF WYETH

The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) discovered that in processing the recent recalculation decisions mailed in response to patentee's filed Request for Recalculation of Patent Term Adjustment in view of Wyeth, the USPTO mistakenly dismissed a small number of requests as ineligible. The dismissals involve requests that were filed on February 9-12, 2010, for patents that were granted on August 11, 2009. Any request that was filed on February 8, 2010 was properly deemed eligible for patent term adjustment (PTA) and was recalculated.

Patents meeting the above criteria were eligible because the USPTO was closed February 8-11, 2010, due to a snowstorm. See Closing of the United States Patent and Trademark Office from Monday February, 8, 2010, through Thursday, February 11, 2010, 1352 *Off. Gaz. Pat. Office* 146 (March 16, 2010). The Office considered each day from Monday, February 8, 2010, through Thursday, February 11, 2010, to be a "Federal holiday within the District of Columbia" under 35 U.S.C. § 21(b) and 37 CFR 1.6, 1.7, 1.9, 2.2(d), 2.195 and 2.196. Any actions that were due from Monday, February, 8, 2010, through Thursday, February 11, 2010, (or the preceding Saturday (February 6, 2010) or Sunday (February 7, 2010)) will be considered timely if the action was taken on the next succeeding business day on which the USPTO was open, which was February 12, 2010.

This notice **VACATES** the previous mailed decision in the patented file that deemed patentee ineligible for the request for recalculation. Patentee's request for recalculation is GRANTED.

The patent term adjustment has been determined to be **921** days. The USPTO will *sua sponte* issue a certificate of correction reflecting the amount of PTA days determined by the recalculation.

Prior to the issuance of the certificate of correction, the USPTO will afford patentee an opportunity to be heard and request reconsideration. Accordingly, patentee has **one month or thirty (30) days** from the mail date of this notice, whichever is longer, to file a request for reconsideration of this PTA calculation. See 35 U.S.C. § 154(b)(3)(B)(ii) and 37 CFR 1.322(a)(4).

Patentee should use document code PET.OP if electronically filing a request for reconsideration of this PTA calculation. The patentee must also include the information required by 37 CFR 1.705(b)(2) and the fee required by 37 CFR 1.18(e). If patentee does not file a timely request for reconsideration of this PTA calculation, including the information required by 37 CFR 1.705(b)(2) and the fee required by 37 CFR 1.18(e), the USPTO will issue a certificate of correction reflecting the PTA determination noted above.

Patentee should be aware that in order to preserve the right of review of the USPTO's PTA determination in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia, patentee must ensure that the steps required under 35 U.S.C. § 154(b)(4) are taken in a timely manner. Nothing in the request for recalculation should be construed as providing an alternative time frame for commencing a civil action under 35 U.S.C. § 154(b)(4).